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### **TRICO INDUSTRIES, INC. RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM**

NASHVILLE-Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Deputy Commissioner Mark Reineke, on behalf of Gov. Don Sundquist, today awarded the SHARP Award to **Trico Industries, Inc.**, of Lexington, Tennessee. The **Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) Award** is one of the state's highest honors for workplace safety and health.

In congratulating Trico officials, Reineke said, "Trico is the 10<sup>th</sup> company to join the select group of Tennessee employers who have participated in this demanding safety & health program. Your involvement in meeting the challenges of the SHARP Award demonstrates your commitment to making Tennessee a safer place to work."

Trico is a tool and die machine shop, performing tool and die work according to customers' specifications.

The Lexington facility has a Total Lost Workday Injury and Illness (LWDII) Rate for 2001 of 2.4; the industry average is 3.8. The company's Total Recordable Case Rate (TRCR) for 2001 is 2.4, well below the industry average of 9.3.

Designed for the smaller employers (employing fewer than 250) in high-hazard industrial classifications, the SHARP Award program provides incentives and support for companies that are approved for participation.

The main incentive for participation in the SHARP program is the desire by employers to promote a safe and healthy workplace. The program also allows employers to be

removed from programmed compliance inspection lists for a period of 12 months. TOSHA consultants work with companies to develop, implement, and continually improve workplace safety and health programs.

For more information on the SHARP Award program, contact TOSHA's Consultative Services office at 1-800-325-9901.

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